



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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**VIA ELECTRONIC AND
FIRST CLASS MAIL**

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RE: MUR 5926
Republican Party of Minnesota and
David E. Sturrock, in his official
capacity as treasurer.

Dear Mr. Toner:

On May 24, 2011, the Federal Election Commission found that there is probable cause to believe your clients, the Republican Party of Minnesota and David E. Sturrock, in his official capacity as treasurer ("the Committee"), violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b) and 441a(f) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5(a) and 106.7(f), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and Commission regulations, in connection with the Committee's failure to report debt and the Committee's excessive transfer of non-federal funds for allocated administrative expenses.

The Commission has a duty to attempt to correct such violations for a period of at least 30 days and no more than 90 days by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion, and by entering into a conciliation agreement with a respondent. If we are unable to reach an agreement after 30 days, the Commission may institute a civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty.

Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter. If you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission within ten days. This Office will then recommend that the Commission accept the agreement. Please make the check for the civil penalty payable to the Federal Election Commission.

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If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the enclosed conciliation agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact Karey Murgenheim, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1525.

Sincerely,



Mark Allen

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